

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the following changes to paragraph [00024]:

[00024] Figure 1 shows a possible construction form of an internal combustion engine 1, containing a cylinder head 2, a ~~cylinder block~~ 2, a cylinder block 3 and also a chain housing 4. In space 5 between cylinder head 2 and cylinder block 3 a cylinder gasket head not shown here is positioned, which also overlaps the space 6 between cylinder head 2 /cylinder block 3 and chain housing 4. [[t]]The spaces 5, 6 define the so-called T-junction.

Please make the following changes to paragraph [00025]:

[00025] Figure 2 shows an indicated-only cylinder gasket head 7, whereby region 8 is furnished for the sealing of the chain housing 4. The cylinder head gasket 7 is – as defined more closely in the following figures- formed in multilayers and is provided in the region of the, here not recognizable, T-junction (spaces 5, 6) with additional sealing region 9.

Please make the following changes to paragraph [00027]:

[00027] Figure 4 shows a partial view of [[f]]Figure 3. Recognizable in this example is the other oval shaped seal region 9, in the top view on one side and in sections A-B, C-D on the other side. Further recognizable is the reinforcing half seam 10. The cylinder block 3 and also the chain housing 4 are indicated. The cylinder head gasket 7 is shaped in this example from a distance position portion 11 and two functional positions portions 12, 13. According to the invention in the distance position portion 11 a recessed region 14 is introduced, especially by stamping, which ~~absorbs receives~~ an additional seal element 15 in the form of an elastic silicone worm.[[.]] The seal element sided functional position portion 13 is provided with an opening a recess 16, which – as in particular the section C-D is to be taken – which covers over the recessed region 14 in part. consequently, the cross-sectional surface of the recessed region 14 is larger than that of the opening hollow 16 in the functional position portion 13. In this example the silicone worm 15 should at least touch the boundary region 17, 18 of the recessed region 14, but nevertheless forms within the recessed region 14 free spaces 19, 20. The height of the silicone worm 15 is greater than the sum of the depth of the recessed region as well as the wall thickness of the functional position portion 13, so that it protrudes out with specified

distance over both. Only with compression of the components 3, 4, 5 not further shown here ([[f]]Figure 10), the material of the silicone worm 15 can elastically evade into the free spaces 19, 20 without it forming into plastic deformation[[s]], in particular by the shearing of the silicone worm 15.

Please make the following changes to paragraph [00029]:

[00029] The similar additional seal element 15 formed as silicone worm is in this example – differing from [[f]]Figure 4 – adjacent to the boundary regions 17, 18 of the recessed region 14. On the contrary sealing element 15 fills in the recessed region 14 only partially, so that ~~avoided~~ void regions are formed round about. Also, here in particular the recessed region 14 is impressed in the distance position portion 11.

Please make the following changes to paragraph [00031]:

[00031] Figure 7 to 9 show a top view at the cylinder head gasket 7 on one side, in particular the seal region 9, but this time without seal element. [[r]]Recognizable are the reinforcing half seam 10, the recessed region 14, the recess 16 and also adjacent to ~~recess~~ opening 16 a hollow 23 introduced into the functional position portion 13, which forms a so-called extrusion canal for ~~avoiding~~ receiving elastic material of the seal element, insofar as the recessed region 14 is not adequate for the intake of same.

Please make the following changes to paragraph [00032]:

[00032] Figure 10 shows a possible use application in the installed state. Like elements are here also provided with similar reference signs. recognizable are the cylinder block 3 and the chain housing 4 as well as the cylinder head gasket 7, shaped by means of the distance position portion 11 and also the functional positions portions 12 and 13. In the recessed region 14 of the distance position portion 11, the seal element 15 consisting of the silicone worm is arranged, which by bracing of the cylinder head not shown further here against the cylinder block 3 and chain housing 4 is compressed and avoids elasticity in the circumambient free space 9 (reference signs are recognizable in the drawing details).